

COMMISSIONER NAMES NEW ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

WASHINGTON — Several small business owners, a representative of a citizen advocacy group, a university professor, a state tax administrator and representatives from the large corporate taxpayer and practitioner communities have been selected by the Internal Revenue Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti to serve on the IRS Advisory Council.

“The diverse backgrounds and experience of the Council members will ensure that the IRS hears many points of view in matters of tax administration,” said Rossotti. “That will benefit all taxpayers and help us achieve our goal of becoming a first-class customer service organization.”

The Council provides a public forum for raising, studying and making recommendations on tax administration issues, as well as on IRS restructuring and modernization. The Council has previously studied and offered recommendations for improvements to the offers-in-compromise program, the federal tax deposit process and the appeals process.

The new members, who replace outgoing ones, join five current members and will serve through 2001. The five current members represent the American Association

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of Retired Persons as well as the payroll and practitioner communities. They will complete their service on the Council in late 1999.

The new members are:

Stanley R. Arnold, CPA
Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

Eric R. Blackledge
President, Blackledge Furniture Company
Corvallis, OH

John P. Carey, Esquire
Senior Executive Vice President, MBNA
Wilmington, DE

Jerold N. Cohen, Esquire
Partner, Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
Atlanta, GA

Margaret W. Ferguson, EA
Vista, CA

Sally M. Jones, CPA
KPMG Peat Marwick Professor of Accounting
McIntire School of Commerce, University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA

Michael E. Mares, CPA
Member, Witt, Mares & Company, Inc.
Newport News, VA

Alan Butler Morrison, Esquire
Co-founder, Public Citizen Litigation Group
Washington, DC

James R. Murray, CPA
Tax Director, PacifiCorp
Portland, OR

They join current members:

James H. Flagg, IRS Advisory Council Chair
AARP Tax-Aide Coordinator
San Antonio, TX

Gardiner Hempel, Jr., CPA
Partner, Arthur Andersen, LLP
New York, NY

Emily L. Lindsay, CPA
Senior Director, Corporate Accounting Services
Marriott International, Inc.
Washington, DC

Mary Eileen McGuire, EA
Director, Tax Department
DeForest & Duer
New York, NY

Rick E. Oelerich, CPA
President, Oelerich and Associates, PC
Davenport, IA

An orientation and working session is scheduled for late February 1999.

Additional working sessions will be held later. Public meetings are scheduled for June and November 1999; details, including agenda topics, dates and locations, will be published in the *Federal Register*.

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